

By the way what do think of my giving  
up my Bank & embarking wholly in  
the Anti-slavery cause? —

When is the Mass. & later Anti-S. M. m.  
versary? — I wish to see you very  
much in regard to various matters &  
things & — D. R.

Dover N. H. Dec 8-1838  
Rev. David Root.

PHELPS  
MSS.

Dear Broth. Phelps, I just saw in the Boston Recorder a notice of your having received a call from the Free church in Boston to become their Pastor.

Now I am not prepared to judge what is your duty in this case - as I know not what bearing your own circumstances ought to have upon the question before you; but you will allow me to say, that if you do leave the field which you are now occupying so successfully, it will greatly dampen my feelings in the cause of humanity & operate generally to dishearten the friends of the Slave. I hope you will pause before you do so. I has myself just about to leave my people & enlist wholly in the Anti Slavery cause & have already taken the first step; but if you ~~if~~ you retire now at this crisis - I don't know what I shall do.

Monday in case I go, I would that some one nearly as good as yourself would occupy the ground here. — Suppose you come here the Sabbath before the Mass S. A. S. S. holds their anniversary in Jan - will that do? You know what I suggested — Yours — David Root a.